

# Bloomfield Record.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., JAN. 23, 1873.

## Local Column.

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bloomfield has six railway stations to New York.

Wanted—by the Record, a live local correspondent in Montclair.

Another to jot down incidents, grave and gay, occurring on our railroad trains.

Attractive—Benson street as a coasting ground, those rare moonlight nights of last week.

Wanted—by all pedestrians, a more prompt and general clearing of snow and ice from our sidewalks.

On Sunday evening the Benevolent Association of the First Presbyterian church held its fourteenth annual meeting. During the past year \$4,485.47 was received, an increase of about \$800 over the previous year.

Until our columns allotted to advertisements are filled, we shall be obliged to devote a redundancy of space to local and reading matter. We wish our friends would bear this in mind, and send in to us more freely communications, correspondence from abroad and local items suitable for our columns.

AS IT SHOULD BE.—The D. L. & W. R. R. Company have commenced the alteration and enlargement of their depot in this place. It is proposed having all the modern improvements and conveniences—spacious waiting rooms, and comfortable ladies private rooms. This is indeed due to the people of Bloomfield, as the traveling business of our town can scarcely be exceeded by the larger stations on the road. They at present run eleven trains each way, offering ample facilities for reaching Newark and New York, and we are glad to see them recognize the necessity of such improvements.

CONCERT.—A Grand Vocal and Instrumental Gift Concert is to be given at Union Hall, Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday evening, Feb. 3d, under the auspices of a committee of German citizens, for the benefit of the sufferers by the great flood of last November, which occurred in the East Sea Province, adjoining Schleswig, Germany. By this calamity many people lost their lives, and many more were deprived of all their effects. We are informed that the land overflowed, some eighty miles in length, will not be susceptible of redemption for many years to come.

BLOOMFIELD PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY.—The annual Parish meeting of this society was held in the lecture room on the evening of the 13th inst. The report of the Trustees was read and accepted. A committee was appointed to take action and report upon the expediency of selling the whole or a portion of the parsonage property, with the view of building a new one. The committee on these sheds reported "progress." The Trustees of last year were not particularly anxious to be re-elected, and some time was consumed in the election of new ones for the present year.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT.—The attention of our street and sidewalk bureau is directed to the condition of the west side of Broad street from Mr. Martin's stores as far up as the M. E. Church. The grade or drainage is defective, causing the flagging of the sidewalk to be generally overflowed with water to the depth of several inches, or covered with treacherous ice, thus making it very disagreeable if not unsafe to walk upon. Let a note be made of it, that it may be remedied in the Spring.

PRESENTATION.—An elegant Past Master's jewel, adorned with emblems of the fraternity, and bearing at the head of the compass a diamond of large size, was presented on Tuesday evening to James A. Hedden, Past-Master of Bloomfield Lodge, A. F. & A. M., by Dr. E. Macfarlan on behalf of the Lodge. The back of the jewel bears the following: Presented to Bro. P. M., Jas. A. Hedden, by Bloomfield Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT MONTCLAIR.—George Bowman, a master builder, while in his shop on the 14th inst., was prostrated by a pile of lumber falling upon him, which injured him so badly that he died on the 16th. The lumber had been piled above the work-bench upon brackets, which gave way with the heavy weight of lumber and caused this distressing calamity. He leaves a wife and three children.

NEW LUMBER FIRM.—Messrs. Cockfair & Powleson, Builders, of our town, have purchased the Lumber Yard, Planning Mill, etc., hitherto carried on by C. H. & W. Baldwin, Orange Street. The location is a first-rate one for this important branch of trade and industry, if the number of houses erected during the past few years in this part of Bloomfield is taken in account.

THE RECORD.—As we wish to circulate as widely as possible this our first number, we have printed a considerably larger edition than our subscription list requires. Single copies may be had at the news room of Mr. Gilbert, Bloomfield avenue, at the office of publication, at Watessing station and at Mr. Madison's stationery store, at Montclair.

ACCOMMODATION.—We notice that some enterprising man is supplying a much needed want—a stage line from the Morris neighborhood to the D. L. & W. R. R. Depot. It is said the line is well patronized.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The exhibition and concert of the M. E. Sunday school last evening was a very creditable and enjoyable affair. The attendance was large, the church being filled to overflowing. We have not room in our local column to give an extensive notice, and can only say that the audience were highly pleased and entertained, and that all of the young folks upon the platform acquitted themselves in a praiseworthy manner. The singing and instrumental music was very good. The recitations, etc., entitled "Searcher after Happiness," "My Grandmother," "Little Beggar Girl," "Beautiful Snow," and the two railway dialogues, were worthy of especial commendation. The two latter, humorous pieces, were delineated in a capital manner. Perhaps as worthy a feature as any was the general one not often seen in exhibitions of this kind—we allude to the promptness and celerity with which one performance succeeded another, evincing good management on the part of teachers as well as scholars in the rehearsal of the exercises. We understand it is to be repeated or rather continued to-morrow (Friday) evening.

MONTCLAIR RAILWAY.—The Newark Advertiser says the people at various points on the line of this railway are actively engaged in subscribing for stock of the Company—the avails of which will be expended in handsome depots at the several stations. At Montclair the subscription exceeds \$10,000. At Watchung (first station north of Montclair), \$3,500, and the depot is already built. The buildings are to be set up by the Springfield Architectural Iron Co., and will be quite novel and tasteful in design. Property owners along the route seem to appreciate the importance of first impressions on the stranger who comes among them. Certainly nothing tends more to create either good or bad impressions of a community than the first object which meets the eye of a traveler as he steps from the railroad car. The parties interested are certainly alive to their own interests—and can so cheaply purchase the benefits proposed by simply making an investment in the stock of the Company, guaranteed to pay seven per cent, by the lessees—the N. Y. & O. Midland Railroad Co.

SMALL HOUSES.—We are glad to see that this want of our town is being supplied, a goodly number of this class of dwellings, diverse in size and style, going up in various parts of our town. Some of these are nearly completed, and are offered for sale as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns. We believe there will be an active demand in the Spring for these neat, comfortable little dwellings. Bloomfield is growing rapidly and an increase in this class of houses is a real and substantial addition to the wealth of our town. The introduction of the modern labor-saving improvements into these small houses is a move in the right direction, giving as they do, those in moderate circumstances something needed by poor as well as rich—a lessening of the labor of house-keeping. We hope no one will be obliged, as in former years, to look elsewhere because they cannot secure comfortable houses in our midst. Let them consult our advertising columns and supply their wants in this respect.

IMPROVEMENTS HERE AND THERE.—Notwithstanding the rigorous winter we are having, our building interests are in a fair state of activity, several new buildings—stores and dwellings—being under way. Mr. Hague is erecting two moderate sized cottages on Division street, to contain six rooms each, and they bid fair to be very neat structures. Their contiguity to the depots, churches and schools will, we should think, render them desirable. The brick buildings of the Gas Light Company are also progressing, one of them being already enclosed. The pipes are to be laid early in the Spring, we understand. Mr. De Gress has chosen a beautiful site on Prospect Hill, Forest Avenue, where he is building a commodious and attractive dwelling. This part of Bloomfield is destined to be, ere long, much sought after by those whose tastes lead them to choose for their residences high ground with extensive views.

RIDGEWOOD AVENUE.—This improvement is destined to be a fine one for Bloomfield, contemplating as it eventually does the opening of a wide and well graded avenue the entire length of the township from the Passaic county line to Orange. Work upon this enterprise has already begun.

An Account of the Late Storm in the Northwest.

A gentleman who is located in Minnesota has written a letter to his friends in Bloomfield, giving some particulars of the late unparalleled storm in the northwest, news of which has already appeared in the daily papers. By the consent of the writer's friends, to whom the letter is addressed, we are enabled to publish a portion of it, knowing that it will prove interesting to the readers of THE RECORD:

W—, Jan. 11, '73.

\*\*\* You would have heard from us before, but for nearly a week we have been cut off from all communication with the outside world, and I knew it was useless to write. There is a prospect now that we may have a mail to-night, and be able to send one out by Monday morning. The cause of all this delay is the terrible storm which began last Tuesday. In the morning the weather was unusually warm, so that by noon it began to thaw for the first time almost since Winter fairly set in. There was a gentle south wind blowing, and so pleasant was the day that the town was full of farmers who had come in their sleds from all directions to sell their wheat and do their trading at the stores. Some of them

had come from twenty miles away. The ground was covered with snow, but not any deeper than you often have it in Bloomfield; but the intense cold of the last few weeks had kept the snow from becoming fixed to the ground, and at the same time seemed to have crystallized it into wonderfully fine particles. About three o'clock in the afternoon the wind began to veer, and came in irregular puffs from the west and north, and then in less time, as it now seems, than it takes to write this, the gale came with a roar from the northwest. It made the house tremble with its fury. All this was nothing new or strange to us, for we had often seen the like in Kansas; but the effect of the wind on the snow was something new and terrible in the bargain. The storm had not been upon us ten minutes before the air was so filled with driving snow that we could scarcely see as far as across the street. I went out to get in wood, for the night, and at times I was fairly compelled to drop my axe, turn my back to the wind, and bend my head down for a few minutes. It seemed more like a storm of sand than of snow that was falling and obscuring the air. The little icy particles driving before that fierce wind stung our face like needles. I think no fresh snow fell, though the sky seemed obscured with clouds, for nothing at all like a snow flake could be seen. The day had been a trap: so mild and pleasant in the morning, that all over the country the men had started out to the timber for fire wood, or to the towns to sell their wheat. Of course those in town who had not started before the storm set in stand where they were. The people here have learned by sad experience the danger of venturing away from habitations, even for a short distance in such storms, but many had started before it began, and many others were no doubt caught far away from home. I am writing on Monday evening, (I commenced my letter as you see on Saturday), and already sad reports are beginning to come in. Mr. H— told me to-night of a woman who had left a little child two years old at home while she went to a neighbor's only two miles away. The storm surprised her there, and in trying to reach home to take care of her child, she lost her way and was frozen to death. Two little girls were lost, and wandering about came to a deserted log house. The elder of the two finding that they would freeze there, started out again, dragging the little one with her; going with the wind, a kind Providence brought them to a house in time to save their lives, but not until the little one had been badly frozen. For the next two weeks we shall no doubt be constantly hearing such harrowing tales, and there will be some, I fear, of whom nothing will be heard till next Spring, their bones being found far away on the prairie. The storm increased in violence as night set in, and it grew rapidly colder. All day on Wednesday it raged, and during a great part of that day it was actually impossible to see the buildings directly across the street (eighty feet) from us. I went down town in the morning, and saw only one other person out. I actually feared that I would have difficulty in reaching home through the main street of the village when I returned with my face to the wind. In the evening, before sunset, I went over to Mr. H—'s house, and though it is not more than two hundred and fifty yards away, when I returned and had almost reached home, for an instant I had to stop—bewildered. I was not twenty yards from our front door, but I could not see where the house was. The best conception of the storm which I can give, perhaps, is to ask you to imagine the densest fog you ever saw in Bloomfield, and then imagine the mercury down to zero or below, and every little fog particle solidified and driving before a fierce steady gale. For the wind on the prairies don't blow in gusts as it does at Bloomfield, but it is just like the ocean winds blowing for days steadily from one quarter. Thursday morning the gale had abated, but the wind still blew hard, and the mercury was sixteen degrees below zero. The storm was now fairly over until Thursday night. The oldest inhabitants say it is the worst storm for seven years. To give you an idea of how easily one loses their way in such a storm a man who lives in town started on Wednesday morning to go out from his house to his stable to take care of his horse. His horse stands on two common town lots, not more than 160 feet deep, and the stables at one end of the lots. He had no idea but that he was going directly to the stable, but all at once found himself brought up by the fence which enclosed the side of the lot. An Irishman who lives on the prairie told me that he tried to go from his house to his stable, and before he reached it could see neither. He finally got safely there and back, and as soon as he could see to do it, took a number of lath and stuck them down in the snow at short intervals along the path, so that he could find his way.

We have had some very cold weather for some weeks. While you at home were complaining of zero, we had it thirty degrees below for three or four mornings, and one morning, as I heard some one say, "It had the audacity" to go thirty-five below, and yet I don't think we have suffered so much from the cold as we did during our first winter in Kansas.

Little Things is a paper published by a family of girls in Brinton, Pa. Instead of talking constantly of themselves and other juvenile journalists, these sensible little women fill up their columns with well-written stories, bits of travel, poems, puzzles, etc., and by so doing are fast winning their way to public favor. The illustrations are good, and the whole make-up of the paper is neat and workmanlike. Success to these brave girls.

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